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## DECEMBER 2019 NEWS

### Les nouvelles de décembre 2019

#### IMPORTANT DATES:

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| December 5 <sup>th</sup>  | - Report Cards Going Home  |
|                           | - Turkey Dinner Lunch (Cafeteria will be closed for all other meals and snack purchases. Please send your child a snack and lunch unless you preordered turkey dinner. |
| December 11 <sup>th</sup> | - Holiday Concert -1:30 pm and 6:30 pm   |
| December 19 <sup>th</sup> | - Kwanzaa Presentation 11am P-2 1pm gr 3-5   |
| December 20 <sup>th</sup> | - Last Day of School Before Holiday Break/Carol Sing   |
| January 6 <sup>th</sup>   | - First Day of School After Holidays   |

#### SAFE ARRIVAL:

It is important that you phone in to our safe arrival line 902-832-8426 when a student will be absent. Although letting the teacher know by email is very conscientious *we cannot guarantee that they will receive the email in a timely manner to prevent a call from our safe arrival team.*

#### VISITORS IN THE SCHOOL:

Please remember that when entering our school, you must come in the main doors and sign-in at the office. All other doors to the school are locked during the daytime hours. These rules are in place for the safety of your children. Please do not go to classrooms during instruction time. If you are waiting for pick up please do not go beyond the fish tank in the main foyer. Please report into the main office if you are dropping off or picking up your children. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

## **PLANS FOR INCLEMENT WEATHER:**

It is important to take the time now to review our policy on inclement weather. Earlier in the school year each family completed a form for each of their children which gives information on where their child is to go and with whom, should school be cancelled during the school day. This emergency dismissal could be for bad weather or other emergencies. Please review this information with your child and if there are any changes, please advise the school. Keep in mind that when we have an early dismissal, buses are often delayed due to road conditions and space restrictions. **We are unable to give estimated arrival times as we do not have that information.** We thank you for your patience when these circumstances occur.

The Halifax Regional Centre for Education takes great care when making the decision to cancel schools and/or buses, or delay the opening of school, in the event of severe or inclement weather. When these situations occur, the information is posted on the HRCE's website at [www.hrce.ca](http://www.hrce.ca), on Twitter at [www.twitter.com/HRCE.NS](https://www.twitter.com/HRCE.NS), recorded at 902-464-INFO and communicated to all local radio stations.

If weather conditions warrant, the HRCE could implement a delayed opening. Delayed openings would be considered when a severe weather event has concluded but snow clearing or other operations require additional time. Delayed opening may also be considered when the physical plant is experiencing an issue such as a power outage or loss of water and additional time is required to prepare the school to open. If this was to occur, school would be delayed by two hours. In our school, this means school would start at 11:00 a.m. If Stock Transportation is operating, the expectation will be that students are picked up two hours later than their regularly assigned time, pending any weather-related delays. Lunch and dismissal times will remain the same and EXCEL will be cancelled for the morning only. **During delayed opening days, the cafeteria will not be open. Please remember to send your child with a lunch.**

During the winter months the students are often kept indoors for recess and lunch due to cold temperatures. We are encouraging parents to send in a coloring book/activity book/card game, etc. for your child to keep in their desk for these days. Please remember that no electronic toys are permitted.

## **DRESSING FOR THE WEATHER:**

With the cold weather upon us, we would like to remind parents and students of the importance of dressing appropriately for the weather. Students are required to have snowpants and boots to be down on the field to play in the snow to prevent getting wet. Students also need to have warm winter attire such as hats and mitts (extra mitts in their bag are always a good idea as well in the event of mittens getting wet or lost). Please remind your children of the importance of not throwing snowballs. Snow can be a lot of fun to play in, but snowball throwing can cause unnecessary injuries.

# **PTA NEWS:**

Thank you again to everyone for your continued support. We had a successful Magazine and Gift Wrap Campaign, Santa Social and Movie Night in November!

Last Fundraiser of 2019 - VIP seat draw for the Grade P-2 Christmas concert - Your chance to score 2 FRONT ROW SEAT tickets to the Christmas Concert. You also get to skip to line the night of the concert!

Upcoming 2020 Fundraisers - HPCS Spirit wear, "My Kid's Art" Greeting Cards, Valentine's Candy-grams and so much more!

## HPCS Holiday Concert:

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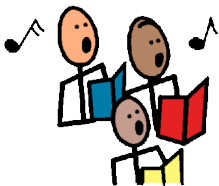
Wednesday December 11, 2019

Our concert date is quickly approaching, there is a **1:30 p.m.** and **6:30 p.m.** concert. Grandparents, preschoolers, friends etc. are invited to the afternoon performance and tickets are not required. **Because of fire regulations, only two tickets are provided for each family for the evening performance. Anyone attending must have a ticket.** The following classes will be performing:

**P Martell, P Kendall, P Oliver, P Oakie, P/1 Lord, 1 McNamara, 1 Leblanc, 1/2 Simpson, 1/2 Neatt, 2 Taneja, 2 Parsons, 2 Zawidzki, 2 Malone and 2 Rogers.**

Here are some additional details to help you with your planning for the evening concert:

- **School doors will open at 5:30 p.m.** regardless of the weather and parents may line up at the gym doors.
- All students must **remain with their parents in line** until supervision begins in the classrooms at 6:00.
- A volunteer silver collection will be taken in lieu of selling concert tickets to help offset the cost of our concerts
- **6:00:** The gym doors will open and supervision in the classrooms will begin.
- **6:30:** The concert begins (**tickets required for each person**).



## HPCS Choir Performs at the Hammonds Plains Tree Lighting Ceremony! Sunday December 8, 2019



Once again, we are excited to announce that the HPCS Choir have been asked to perform at the annual tree lighting ceremony. This event will be held at the Hammonds Plains Community Center (2041 Hammonds Plains Road). It will be an exciting event that is scheduled from 3:00 - 6:00. There will be treats, hot chocolate, Santa, the lighting of the tree and of course, the HPCS choir!

**The choir members will be performing at 4:30,** with Santa arriving shortly after the performance. This will be followed by the tree lighting ceremony. Community/School engagement leads to improved student learning, stronger families and healthier communities. Please come and support our school choir!

***STAFF AT HAMMONDS PLAINS WISH YOUR  
FAMILY A SAFE AND HAPPY HOLIDAY!!!***

